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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of September 9, 1998, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 1998-255288.

The translation of the certified copy of corresponding Japanese patent application 1998-255288 is being submitted herewith, together with a verified translation statement. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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